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To provide for elementary and secondary school library media resources,  
technology enhancement, training and improvement.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. SIMON (for himself and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and  
Human Resources

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## A BILL

To provide for elementary and secondary school library media  
resources, technology enhancement, training and im-  
provement.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Elementary and Sec-  
5       ondary School Library Media Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8               (1) in order to prepare our Nation’s children  
9       for the challenges of the future, as well as keeping

1       our Nation competitive in a global economy, every  
2       elementary and secondary school in the United  
3       States should be equipped with the best and most  
4       up-to-date library resources, certified library media  
5       specialists, access to advanced technology, and in-  
6       struction on the use of library and information re-  
7       sources;

8           (2) our Nation's elementary and secondary  
9       school libraries are primarily dependent on a core of  
10      deteriorating and out-of-date library materials pur-  
11      chased with original funding from the Elementary  
12      and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

13          (3) school library media center expenditures,  
14      when adjusted for inflation, have declined 16 percent  
15      in public schools since 1979; and

16          (4) small and rural school libraries are further  
17      disadvantaged because of small budgets based on  
18      low student enrollments, and limited access to re-  
19      sources, services, and personnel.

20      (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of  
21      this Act to—

22          (1) establish within the Department of Edu-  
23      cation Office of Educational Research and Improve-  
24      ment a Division of Elementary and Secondary  
25      School Library Media Services to provide informa-

1 tion and leadership to school library media programs  
2 and personnel nationwide;

3 (2) provide continued funding for elementary  
4 and secondary school library media program im-  
5 provement, equity, innovation, and technological ad-  
6 vancement;

7 (3) establish a partnership program for elemen-  
8 tary and secondary school teachers and school li-  
9 brary media specialists to jointly design resource and  
10 curriculum-based instructional activities that provide  
11 opportunities for students to access a broad diversity  
12 of resources and information, and other languages  
13 and cultures, including materials that will encourage  
14 understanding; and

15 (4) establish a partnership program for encour-  
16 aging uses of technology and the sharing of informa-  
17 tion and access to resources by elementary and sec-  
18 ondary school students, school library media special-  
19 ists, and teachers.

20 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISION**  
21 **OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
22 **LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES.**

23 (a) DIVISION ESTABLISHED.—Section 209 of the De-  
24 partment of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3419)  
25 is amended—

1           (1) by inserting “(a) OFFICE.—” before  
2           “‘There’”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           section:

5           “(b) DIVISION.—There is established within the Of-  
6           fice of Educational Research and Improvement a Division  
7           of Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Serv-  
8           ices, to be administered by a Director of such Division.”.

9           (b) FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISION.—Part A of title  
10          IV of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C.  
11          1221c) is amended by inserting after section 405 the fol-  
12          lowing new section:

13       **“SEC. 405A. DIVISION OF LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES.**

14           “(a) FUNCTIONS.—The Division of Elementary and  
15          Secondary School Library Media Services established in  
16          section 209(b) of the Department of Education Organiza-  
17          tion Act shall—

18               “(1) provide information and leadership to ele-  
19          mentary and secondary school library media special-  
20          ists, teachers, and school administrators in order to  
21          encourage improvement of educational programs,  
22          train library personnel, use advanced technology,  
23          and develop library resources, including resources  
24          that will encourage students to acquire skills in  
25          other languages; and

1 “(2) monitor and administer—

2 “(A) the grant programs for elementary  
3 and secondary school library media center re-  
4 source development;

5 “(B) elementary and secondary school li-  
6 brary media specialist and teacher partnership  
7 grants for innovative education; and

8 “(C) grants for uses of technology in the  
9 classroom that are linked to the library media  
10 center.

11 “(b) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LI-  
12 BRARY MEDIA PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELEMENTARY  
14 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA RE-  
15 SOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—The Director  
16 shall award grants from allocations under paragraph  
17 (2) to States for the acquisition of school library  
18 media resources for the use of students, library  
19 media specialists, and teachers in public elementary  
20 and secondary schools.

21 “(2) ALLOCATION TO STATES.—From the  
22 amount appropriated pursuant to the authority of  
23 paragraph (5) in each fiscal year, the Director shall  
24 allocate to each State having an approved plan  
25 under paragraph (3) an amount which bears the

1 same relationship to such funds as the amount such  
2 State received under chapter 2 of title I of the Ele-  
3 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in  
4 such year bears to the amount all States received  
5 under such chapter in such year.

6 “(3) STATE PLANS.—In order for a State to re-  
7 ceive an allocation of funds under paragraph (2) for  
8 any fiscal year such State shall have in effect for  
9 such fiscal year a State plan. Such plan shall—

10 “(A) designate the State educational agen-  
11 cy as the State agency responsible for the ad-  
12 ministration and supervision of the program de-  
13 scribed in this section;

14 “(B) set forth a program under which  
15 funds paid to the State from its allocation  
16 under paragraph (2) will be expended solely  
17 for—

18 “(i) acquisition of school library media  
19 resources, including foreign language re-  
20 sources, for the use of students, school li-  
21 brary media specialists, and teachers in el-  
22 elementary and secondary schools in the  
23 United States; and

24 “(ii) administration of the State plan,  
25 including development and revision of

standards relating to school library media resources, except that the amount used for administration of the State plan in any fiscal year shall not exceed 5 percent of the amount allocated to such State under paragraph (2) for such fiscal year; and

“(C) set forth the criteria to be used in allotting funds for school library media resources among the local educational agencies of the State, which allotment shall take into consideration the relative need of the students, school media specialists, and teachers to be served.

“(4) DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOCATION TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

“(A) DISTRIBUTION RULE.—From the funds allocated to a State under paragraph (2) in each fiscal year, such State shall distribute not less than 95 percent of such funds in such year to local educational agencies within such State according to the relative enrollment of students in public elementary and secondary schools within the school districts of such State, adjusted to provide higher per-pupil allotments to local educational agencies that have the greatest number or percentages of students

1           whose education imposes a higher than average  
2           cost per child, such as those students—

3                   “(i) living in areas with high con-  
4                   centrations of low-income families;

5                   “(ii) from low-income families; and

6                   “(iii) living in sparsely populated  
7                   areas.

8                   “(B) CALCULATION OF ENROLLMENT.—

9           The calculation of relative enrollments under  
10          subparagraph (A) shall be made on the basis of  
11          the total number of students enrolled in public  
12          schools in the State.

13                  “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14          There are authorized to be appropriated  
15          \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as  
16          may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal  
17          years to carry out this subsection.

18                  “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
19          MEDIA SPECIALIST AND TEACHER PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
20          INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAM.—

21                  “(1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director  
22          shall award grants for projects that—

23                          “(A) encourage collaboration between pub-  
24                          lic elementary and secondary school library  
25                          media specialists and teachers in order to de-



1        develop units of instruction that enable elemen-  
 2        tary and secondary school students to use a va-  
 3        riety of information resources; and

4                “(B) expand students’ information-gather-  
 5        ing abilities and cognitive skills of selection,  
 6        analysis, evaluation, and application.

7                “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8        There are authorized to be appropriated  
 9        \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as  
 10       may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal  
 11       years to carry out this subsection.

12       “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USES OF TECH-  
 13       NOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM.—

14                “(1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

15                “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall  
 16        award grants to encourage collaborative elemen-  
 17        tary and secondary school library media special-  
 18        ist and teacher programs designed to—

19                        “(i) expand the use of computers and  
 20                        computer networks in the curriculum; and

21                        “(ii) enable elementary and secondary  
 22                        school library media centers to access in-  
 23                        formation from computerized databases.

24                “(B) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The  
 25        Director may enter into cooperative agreements

1 with the National Science Foundation and other  
2 appropriate nonprofit agencies and organiza-  
3 tions in carrying out this section.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 There are authorized to be appropriated  
6 \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as  
7 may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal  
8 years to carry out this subsection.

9 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall  
10 be construed to interfere with State and local initiative  
11 and responsibility in the conduct and support of school  
12 library media services, the administration of school library  
13 media centers, or the selection of personnel or library  
14 books and materials.

15 “(f) SUPPLEMENTATION.—Funds provided under  
16 this section shall be used so as to supplement and not sup-  
17 plant other Federal, State, or local funds available to carry  
18 out the activities and services assisted under this section.

19 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this sec-  
20 tion—

21 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
22 the Division of Elementary and Secondary School  
23 Library Media Services established pursuant to sec-  
24 tion 209(b) of the Department of Education Organi-  
25 zation Act;

1           “(2) the term ‘elementary school’ has the same  
2 meaning given to such term by section 1471(8) of  
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
4 1965;

5           “(3) the term ‘local educational agency’ has the  
6 same meaning given to such term by section  
7 1471(12) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965;

9           “(4) the term ‘secondary school’ has the same  
10 meaning given to such term by section 1471(21) of  
11 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
12 1965;

13           “(5) the term ‘State’ means each of the several  
14 States of the United States, the District of Colum-  
15 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin  
16 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Common-  
17 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Repub-  
18 lic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of  
19 Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau; and

20           “(6) the term ‘State educational agency’ has  
21 the same meaning given to such term by section  
22 1471(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
23 cation Act of 1965.”.

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